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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

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Application No./Patent No.: 10/280,568 Filed/Issue Date: 10/25/2002

Entitled: Cylinder Head Gasket and Method of Producing

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August 27, 2003

Date

Dr. Theodore G. Duclos

Typed or printed name

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Title

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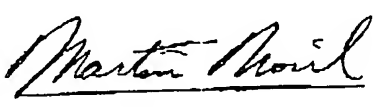
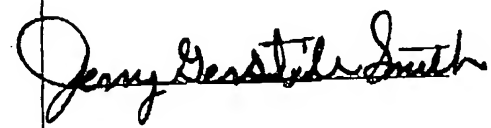
WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, have invented

**CYLINDER HEAD GASKET AND METHOD OF PRODUCING**

for which I/we intend to make application for Letters Patent, and

WHEREAS, **Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership**, having a place of business at 47690 East Anchor Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

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